GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:294
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
OLD FOODGRAIN STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than five years old foodgrain stock has been lying in Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns;

(b) if so, the rationale behind keeping such an old stock of foodgrains in the godowns;

(c) the efforts made by the Government for disposal of the old stock of foodgrains; and

(d) the outcome of the above efforts?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) AND (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.294 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16-08-2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): A quantity of only 22,408 tonnes, comprising 0.14 per cent of the total foodgrains stocks held by the FCI, and which is categorised as damaged and unfit for human consumption, is held by the FCI as on 1.7.2004.

(b) & (c): The FCI is liquidating this damaged stock according to well laid down procedures for their disposal, under which the damaged stocks are offered to bonafide Government Departments/Agencies at a Running Rate Contract and in the event of non-acceptance by them, sold to the users registered with the FCI, through tender.

(d): Except for 7396 MTs of this damaged stock which is involved in court cases, the remaining stocks have either been covered under tender or are in the process of lifting.